

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 11, 2006
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor J. M. Holmes presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley, Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers, Bob Snyder, J. M. Holmes

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Community Development Director Will Wong, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogio, Police Chief Valerie Harris, Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder, Airport Manager Jerry Martin.

By **MOTION** adjourn to a closed session under Government Code Section 54957:6. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Snyder/Approved 5:0**

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

COLOR GUARDS: Boy Scout Troop 19

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Boy Scout Scott Molnar

1. **Public Comment**

Mike Otten, President of the Placer County Historical Society, asked that the Council consider naming the Auburn School Park Preserve after Jean Baptiste Charbonneau. Mr. Otten stated that "he is the only Auburn resident to ever be depicted on an American coin." He presented folders to the Council outlining the details. He stated that he would be pleased to return to the Council at a future date to discuss in more depth his proposal.

2. **Remarks from the Outgoing Mayor**

Mayor Holmes thanked the voters for electing him in both 2002 and 2006. He thanked the Council for electing him mayor last December. He stated that his term has been gratifying. He also thanked the City Manager for his guidance and support as well as the city staff. Lastly, he thanked his wife for her understanding when he was called away from home to attend to city matters.

He stated that when he became mayor he stated he wanted to concentrate on the School Park Preserve, the Auburn Airport East Hangar Project and an increased street overlay program. He reported that a great deal of progress has been made in those areas. Mayor Holmes stated that he was pleased that the Council agreed to establish the Youth Advisory Commission.

He stated that some of the challenges of the upcoming year are the stormwater collection system, the wastewater treatment plant and the Streetscape Program. Those challenges will be met in a positive manner with collaboration with the members of the council and input from the citizens of the community.

3. **Election Results**

City Clerk Joseph Labrie read the results of the Canvass of Vote for the November 7, 2006 Gubernatorial General Election and reported the breakdown of the Municipal Election for the City of Auburn.

4. **Oath of Office**

Placer County Superior Court Judge Charles Wachob administered the oath of office to Council Members Mike Holmes, Kevin Hanley and Bridget Powers elected November 7, 2006.

5. **Council Reorganization**

A. Mayor Mike Holmes declared nominations open for the position of Mayor. **NOMINATION of Bob Snyder by Hanley/Approved Unanimously by voice**

B. Mayor Bob Snyder declared nominations open for the position of Mayor Pro Tempore. **NOMINATION of Keith Nesbitt by Powers/Approved Unanimously by voice.**

6. **Oath of Office to Newly Selected Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore**

Oath of office was given to the newly selected mayor and mayor pro tempore by Placer County Superior Court Judge Charles Wachob.

7. **Exchange of Council Seats**

The Council Members exchanged seats, as set by precedent, as follows:

Seat 1	Outgoing Mayor	Mike Holmes
Seat 2	Council Member	Kevin Hanley
Seat 3	Mayor	Bob Snyder
Seat 4	Council Member	Keith Nesbitt
Seat 5	Council Member	Bridget Powers

8. **Presentation from Mayor Bob Snyder**

Mayor Snyder presented outgoing Mayor Holmes with a plaque for his outstanding service on the council.

9. **Address from Mayor Bob Snyder**

Mayor Snyder stated that he was pleased and humbled to be Auburn's newest mayor. He thanked Annabell McCord for encouraging him to become involved with the city when he first came to Auburn ten years ago.

Mayor Snyder stated that he sees "Auburn as a tapestry on a wall that has woven into it a rich history, framed by the American River and the scenic vistas to the west, punctuated by colorful threads of the characters and leaders that have served the community well." He spoke of the people that had come forward to face the challenges of Auburn.

He spoke of the volunteers in that they have done so much in the past and will continue to do so in the future. He stated the future of Auburn is bright. Mayor Snyder advised that a healthy lifestyle is encouraged in the community. He stated that Placer County provides a variety of healthy produce, trails are available and great athletes compete here.

He stated that by serving on the council for the past two years he has had the opportunity to work closely with other governmental agencies. He described great inter-agency relationships. He will continue to work on the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. He will work with the county to put together a plan to finance a new senior center in future years.

The mayor will continue to work on the Streetscape Program which will provide a link between Downtown and Old Town. Auburn, being the Endurance Capital, continues to involve more people both from the area and outside of the area and needs to be continually developed.

Additionally, Mayor Snyder will be looking for a better system for citizens to interact with the council and staff through a software program that will provide that service. The mayor stated his continued interest in the Auburn Redevelopment Agency's activities and the airport's hangar project since both will have strong economic benefits in the future.

The mayor advised that by late summer the park should be built. He stated that the proposed performing arts center will be an ongoing project for the future.

Lastly, he encouraged citizen involvement in the processes of the city and asked that those citizens call him with their comments and opinions.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Snyder adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m. to the Rose Room for refreshments.

J. M. Holmes, Mayor

Robert Snyder, Mayor

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

Minutes transcribed by Anne M. Cooley, Deputy City Clerk